GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2048
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AMENDMENT IN MINING ACT
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposals from State Governments requesting for amendment in section 5(2) of the Act to remove the compulsion of mining plan for low value mineral like quartz, felspar, clay, silica sand ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, do not arise. However , the powers to approve mining plan in respect of low value minerals like quartz, felspar, clay and silica sand for open cast mines have been delegated to the State Governments with effect from 25th September, 2001 by amending the Mineral Concession Rules,1960.